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VISIT
THE BIRTHPLACE
OF
EDWIN BOOTH
AND
JOHN WILKES BOOTH



Tudor Hall
BELAIR, MARYLAND

ONE of the most attractive spots in the way of historic interest in Maryland is Tudor Hall, near Belair, the birthplace of Edwin Booth and of John Wilkes Booth.



JUNIUS BRUTUS BOOTH

It was built by Junius Brutus Booth who came to this country from England in the year 1820, and is one of the most interesting specimens of English-architecture of the Elizabethan period, he himself having given it its name of Tudor Hall.

In this fine old home hidden in a grove of ancient trees, among them the great sycamore tree beneath whose shade, these two boys of such different destinies, played and grew to manhood, were born the children of the famous actor.

Here one can see the old spring house built by the actor himself over the spring of delicious water which decided him to build his home on this site, and also the beautiful artificial lake with its tiny island the construction of which he likewise conceived for the enjoyment of his family.

In the house itself are highly interesting photographs of various members of the family, pieces of the original furniture used by the Booths, and other original articles much the same as when Edwin, John Wilkes and their parents, brothers and sisters, dwelt in this historic old homestead.

EDWIN BOOTH
who first saw the light of day under the splendid old sycamore tree still standing,



EDWIN BOOTH

was acknowledged the greatest of American-born Shakespearean actors. He was the founder of THE PLAYERS' CLUB of New York City, where he made his home the latter part of his life.

HE WAS AN IDEAL HAMLET

The closing words of this great drama so closely associated with his name and fame, were uttered by one of his dearest friends when, turning away from where his earthly remains were laid beside those of his young wife, long since dead :

“Farewell, sweet Prince;

And flights of angels guide thee to thy rest.”

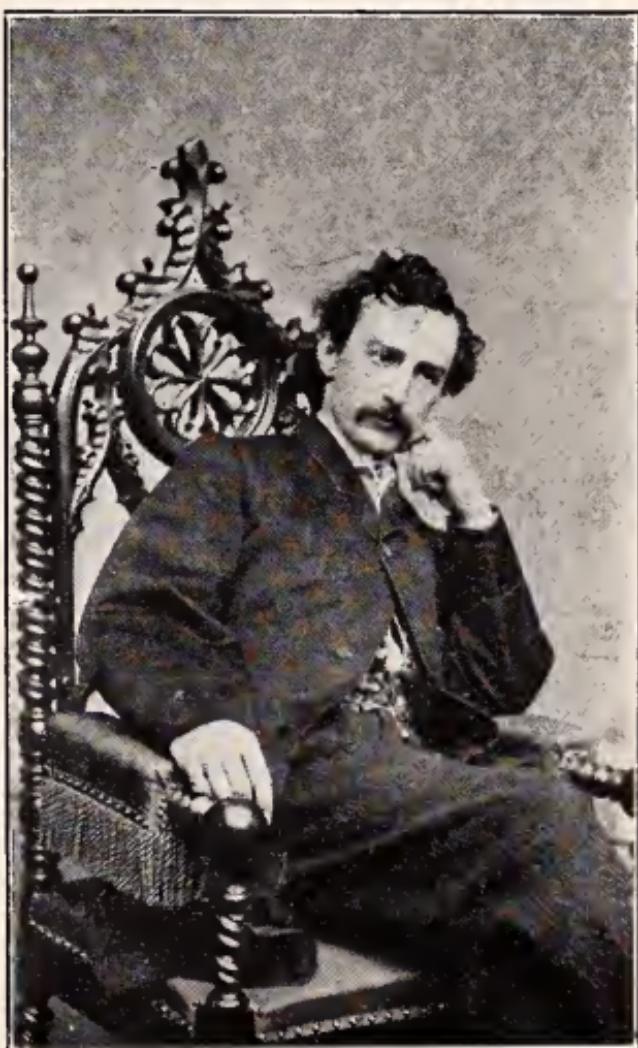
JOHN WILKES BOOTH

That brilliant but erratic genius whose disordered brain inspired him to be the self-appointed Brutus of the South, is thus pictured by Francis Wilson :

“The most dramatic event in American history is the assassination of Lincoln. Beyond the fact that Booth killed Lincoln, little is known of him, and that of the most unreliable nature. He was zealously devoted to the South for which he sacrificed his life rashly and defiantly.

“The handsomest man of his day, exceedingly magnetic, he had the gift of dra-

matic interpretation, and at the time of his death was well on his way to rival his illustrious brother, Edwin. He was an affectionate son, the very core of his mother's heart—that mother whom he idolized and whose heart he broke by his awful act. His last words were a message to his mother."



JOHN WILKES BOOTH

There are stories, believed by many, that he was never captured. But here is shown in pictures and in contemporary articles, the whole story of his flight and of his tragic death.

No tourist should fail to see this historic home in whose natural beauty were born and nurtured these two characters of such dramatic talent and of such widely varying fates.

TUDOR HALL

is situated three miles east of Belair
on the highway between
Philadelphia and Baltimore
and between
Havre-de-Grace and Belair

Read "Sketches of Tudor Hall and the Booth Family", by Ella V. Mahoney

**Tudor Hall,
Belair, Md.**